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■ **Budget cuts halt West Side High Rampage College Program:** Fort Lee's West Side High School, a novel educational program with Rampage College of New Jersey that encourages students to complete their high school education in a close-knit state budget reduction. Initiated by Rampage College President Robert A. Scott, the program has involved over 400 West Side high school students for a full year of academic programming and a summer residential segment at the College since its inception in 1985. —MAYNARD

■ **Elizabethtown Water Company passes lead test:** Elizabethtown Water Company has just completed the first phase of water sampling in compliance with the lead regulations passed by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in May 1991. More than 100 percent of the samples taken from "high-risk" homes tested below the 15 parts per billion standard. —WESTFIELD

■ **N.J. homeowners lead in oil conversions:** New Jersey homeowners made the state a leader in lead testing having converted according to state regulations. The American Gas Association. The 11,772 heating conversions in the Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G) territory in 1991 accounted for nearly 10 percent of the 116,505 nationwide conversions. —NEWARK

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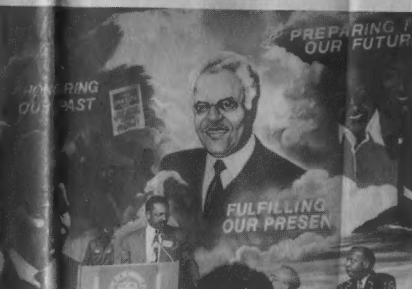
Jesse Now Shows Them in Nashville

NASHVILLE, TN—Keynote speaker Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson held the standing-room-only crowd in awe as he again set forth his agenda of healing and progress for the nation's African-Americans specifically and Americans as a whole.

Honoring Our Past, Fulfilling Our Present, Preparing Our Future was the theme for the NAACP's 83rd Annual Convention held in Nashville last week. The convention drew more than 20,000 participants many who were there to say "good-bye" to Dr. Benjamin Hooks as he addressed the freedom fighters for the last time as Executive Director and CEO of the NAACP.

Taking a break from the Democratic National Convention in New York, Rev. Jackson talked with the NAACP delegates and attendees about the importance of their organization as an agent for change and a lobbying force. His message went beyond building a political base to the firm recognition that devising economic strategies is the foundation of black empowerment. Rather than march on the state house, Rev. Jackson suggested marching on the banks where he says have redlined urban communities causing their decay. He went on to say that if we can bail out Japan we should be able to bail out our cities.

Regarding the Democratic National Convention and candidate Bill Clinton, Jackson said that the ticket was the only one that included the concerns of African-Americans therefore he endorsed the Clinton/Gore package.



Rev. Jesse Jackson stands under the great mural of Dr. Benjamin Hooks as he addresses the 83rd Annual Convention in Nashville.

Instead of responding to the press caused by what many believe to be a lukewarm endorsement of Clinton, Jackson spent the majority of his speech focusing on the economic agenda of African-American empowerment.

The five-day convention provided a forum for dialogue on issues critical to the African public. It also showcased NAACP youth programs such as ACT-50 (Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics) which annually provides incentives to achieve scholastic excellence for more than 25,000 students in grades nine through 12.

More youth highlights will be featured in next week's City News.

Black Democrats optimistic about recapturing White House

NEW YORK CITY (CSN)—More than 1,500 black delegates elected officials and party regulars attending the Democratic National Convention radiated "new hope and congenial optimism" in the "party of the people" recapturing the White House and "restoring more representative government" to a dispirited America hungry for change.

With a festive and unusually harmonious backdrop and the eloquence of former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan and the battle cry of Ronald H. Brown, the first African American to chair any major political party in the history of America, the Democratic Convention exuded a level of confidence of victory uncommon at Democratic conventions.

Added to this "victory in the air" climate was the warm and positive reception given Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton and his vice presidential running mate, Sen. Al Gore at the NAACP convention in Nashville, Tennessee on the eve of the Democratic National Convention. Democratic leaders were also encouraged by "lukewarm" endorsement and "evolving support" of the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Party chairman Brown told the press that "I previously indicated that Rev. Jackson would support the party ticket and we expected him to play an active role in the presidential campaign."

In his remarks before the Democratic National Committee (DNC)



Alvin M. Herman, Jr., Chairman of the Democratic National Convention (DNC), makes a final check of facilities at Madison Square Garden for the opening of the DNC. With her as Democratic party Chairman Ronald H. Brown (c), senior vice president and general manager of Madison Square Garden, Mr. Herman is the first black woman to serve as CEO of a Democratic Party national convention.

Black Caucus, Rev. Jackson said, "It is a long train ride from slavery to freedom. The DNC delegates must keep the train running."

Also speaking before DNC black delegates, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, of Los Angeles, said, "In politics you have to make decisions. I decided early to support Gov. Bill Clinton because I thought he was the candidate that could win. We don't agree on everything, and that's all right. People who are hands and wife don't agree on everything. But it has become evident and

urgent that we have to get rid of George Bush. This we all can agree on."

Dr. C. Delores Tucker, chair of the DNC Black Caucus, "We, as African American leaders of the party most responsive to the needs of our people, must get a message across to all segments of the African American community that the Clinton-Gore team has the best civil rights record of performance and commitment of those running for the presidency. Our challenge is to

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Sister Souljah sets the record straight

by Ewurase Osayande

HARLEM, NY—"We are at WAR—a war for our minds!" declared Sister Souljah, community activist, rap artist and outspoken defender of human rights, clarifying her position in Harlem the day after many Americans celebrated Independence Day.

Over 3,500 people of all ages converged on Abyssinian Baptist Church, where Dr. Rev. Calvin Butts is pastor, to hear Sister Souljah tell her side of the story regarding remarks made by her to the Washington Post as to why whites were attacked during the rebellion in L.A. this past spring.

Shortly after this interview, her words were found on the lips of every news broadcaster across the nation. Why? Because Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton, after a planned discussion with his advisors, decides to call her a racist and place her in the same category as David Duke when he spoke at a National Rainbow Coalition meeting with Rev. Jesse Jackson present. The media then jumped on this and

role for weeks, pitting Rev. Jackson, who defended Souljah, against Clinton.

But on that night in Harlem, Souljah was not concerned with Bill Clinton and the media. She called the audience her "family" and clarified herself to them. "When I say that we are at war, it does not mean go out and get a gun and go kill whiteness—it does not mean that. It means that we are in a war for the survival of your mind, your spirit and your physical existence. It means that we are at war with any and every institution and individual that seeks to define us through the eyes of white supremacy and racism."

Sister Souljah went on to say that Clinton reached in the barrel and pulled out the wrong apple.

Ras Baraka, writer, activist and son of proclaimed "Father" of the Black Arts Movement Imamu Amiri Baraka, spoke before Sister Souljah

and gave the audience a warning: "We are in a very serious time—more than we know. We are witnessing a heightened attack on a very basic human rights of our people. We attempted to get across to the people that the majority of the world's population is living in dire poverty and are without any human rights. Most of the world is suffering, stated Baraka, America has never been able to secure democracy for nobody."

Sister Souljah began her speech by giving the listeners a bit of history about herself. Her name is Lisa Williamson. Born and reared in the Bronx, she grew up in a family where her mother and father were present. They later had to divorce because of economics and the pressures of this society. She ended up in the projects where murder was and is a daily part of life. Her

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What to the ex-slave is the Fourth of July?

by Ewurase Osayande

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights. Among these rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their powers from the consent of the governed. And that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it..."

The Declaration of Independence 1776

NEWARK—On a day when the rest of America was sitting in their backyards or at the beach enjoying the hot July sun, celebrating "freedom and justice for all," the People's Organization for Progress (POP) was in the streets calling for "true" democracy and independence on this Independence Day.

"When those words (The Declaration of Independence) were written in 1776 by Thomas Jefferson, they were sent to the chief oppressor of that time—the king of England, whose name just happened to be George. And I think that we need a new Declaration of Independence to say to the chief oppressor of this time—George Bush! blasted Larry Hamm, chairperson of POP as they

stood on the steps of the Court House in the shadow of Abraham Lincoln's statue—the president known for the Emancipation Proclamation, but who also stated that he could never see Blacks living equal to whites.

Hamm blasted the American justice system. "Racism is worst today in 1992 than it has ever been. Chief among these abuses we suffer are the abuses of the criminal justice system. And it must be evident to all by now, in the wake of Rodney King, in the wake of Toshia Mayse, Phillip Pannell, Shaun Potts, and now Howard Caesar, that it is a national injustice system full of racism, inequality and injustice."

As the marchers marched down Market Street, onlookers stood on the sidewalk astonished to see protesters take to the streets on the 4th of July.

When they reached Howard Savings Bank on Broad Street over 150 more people had joined them and demonstrated demanding an end to institutionalized racism. The protesters called for a mandatory civilian police review board, an office of the Special Prosecutor and for the passage of Congresswoman Maxine Waters' bill, The National Police Brutality Act.

Among the speakers at the rally was Fredricka Bey, a community activist from East Orange involved in an investigation into the killing

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Plainfield still trying to keep Macy's

PLAINFIELD—Mayor Harold W. Mitchell recently announced that the City of Plainfield is continuing with their efforts to keep Macy's Plainfield open. The City has presented Macy officials with a challenge to maintain the location for a six month period and the establishment of revenue and tax base to be met. The Challenge is based on the loyal customer base from Plainfield and the surrounding communities, as well as the public outcry to keep the store open. Over 12,000 customers have signed petitions. The Mayor is encouraging Macy's to accept the challenge because:

1. It makes good business sense. We want Macy's to make money. Plainfield and we are willing to help generate store traffic to increase their gross operating profit.
2. The City of Plainfield is prepared to discuss an incentive package for this location.
3. Macy's has been a good business partner in Plainfield for 38 years. We want a chance to prove Plainfield is a good business partner for Macy's. We don't expect a long-term guarantee, just a chance to show Macy's how important they are to Plainfield's future by purchasing their products instead of their competitor's products.

African Americans call the shots at DNC



WASHINGTON, DC (CSN)—A record number of African-Americans held key positions with the Democratic National Committee as the 200-year-old political party concluded its 1992 national convention under the leadership of Gotham-born, Harlem-born DNC chairman Ronald H. Brown.

More than 40,000 delegates, alternates, elected officials, party regulars, supporters, guests and media representatives attended the biggest political gathering ever, with New York City Mayor David H. Dinkins serving as Honorary Chairman of the Host Committee.

Two politically experienced African Americans were among Brown's first appointments in preparing for the 1992 race for the White House. He promptly named Alexis M. Herman, former director of the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor, as DNC's chief of staff and subsequently as the chief executive officer for planning the convention, and Aja M. M. Cooper as convention manager.

Cooper served as Deputy Conference Director of the 1978 Democratic National Mid-Term Confer-

ence, executive director of the Association of State Democratic Chairs and Podium Producer for the 1988 Democratic Convention.

Other African-American holding top positions on the Convention staff are Frank Williams, Chief Financial Officer; Atty. Harina Flournoy, General Counsel; Maxine Griffith, Director, Convention Hall Planning and Management; Lujuan M. Johnson, Director, Headquarters; Michael J. Pitts, Director, Transportation; and Marilyn Shaw, Director of Volunteer Services.

CITY PEOPLE

People on the move

Barry D. Pope recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training at the Navy's Mass Management School. Ernestine Thomas was recently promoted by Lucile Curtis, director of Volunteer Services at United Hospital Medical Center, for donating a total of 3,350 hours of service to the program. ... **Maury Chechole** of Scotch Plains has recently been named the new Director of Development at Columbus Hospital in New York. **Andrew E. Jones** recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training at the Navy's Ship's Serviceman school. **Jane Gordon** of Newark is a nurse on staff at East Orange General Hospital and Community Health Care of North Jersey were recently awarded a ceremony for the New Jersey Department of Health's 4th Annual Governor's Nursing Merit Award. **Richard Bond** was recently named the acting Director of the School of Administration and Business. **H. Charles Cornish** of Palmon was recently named 1992 Leadership Volunteer Action Center of Passaic County.

Awards and Grants

The Garden State Cancer Center received a \$100,000 three-year grant from the Charles E. Doherty Fund to partially support "Studies to Develop a New Clinical Therapy of Cancer with Chemotransmembrane-gates." \$617,436 was allocated to United Way of Plainfield and Fenwood's member agencies. The **Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Program** at Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark recently received a three-year \$75,000 grant from the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies. The City of Newark's new **Pennacook Water Treatment Plant** won an Honor Award at the American Consulting Engineers Council 1992 National Engineering Excellence Competition. The **Family Place** at United Hospital Medical Center was awarded a grant totaling \$12,600 from the New Jersey AIDS Partnership Program of the Community Foundation of New Jersey.

Coping

by Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

The Mystique of homosexuality

Following is an interesting letter that I recently received. My comments follow the letter.

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

I am astounded by the large number of famous show business people who are, or appear to be, homosexuals. Boy George, Prince, Liberace and Michael Jackson are just a few. The list is real, real long. These people look, act, speak and seem to want others to think that they are queer. Why is everyone so hung up on homosexuals? Can you explain it?

Signed, P.K.

Dear P.K.:

There appears to be as much fascination with the mystique of homosexuality as there is with homosexuality itself. In other words, people seem excited or turned on by the uncertainty of whether a person is homosexual as they are by the fact of homosexuality. Unisex clothes (clothes that can be worn by either sex, without any alteration) seem attractive to both men and women. Record companies push the unisex style because so many people are fascinated by it.

The "hang-up," to use your words, with the sexual mystique of homosexuality may well represent a psychological need hidden deep in the subconscious. Do people who are fascinated with homosexuals have this need? There is no easy answer. Research has shown that women know how to stimulate men, better than men do. In other words, men are not the great lovers that they want to be. Perhaps both men and women seek the capability of giving the gentle affection that characterizes women. This explains why many male homosexuals have the macho personality, since the female tends to want gentleness from her male mate. Prince and Michael Jackson vehemently argue that they are as masculine as any male anywhere.

They say that their clothing and other seemingly homosexual characteristics are simply used as gimmicks to excite people. There is no evidence to contradict their claims about their masculinity.

There is a great deal of evidence to justify the use of these accoutrements: hair that is long and styled much like women's, clothes that are brightly-colored and covered with sequins, speech that is soft or high-pitched, and the use of make-up. Some fans of these stars copy these day-in-out styles. Men push to have their appearances duplicate the styles of their stars. But their women continue to love them madly.

So it seems that men retain their masculine self-perceptions even though they may get their hair styled to look like the stars whom some consider to be homosexual, to put it differently, the wearing of the apparel of Prince, Boy George or Michael Jackson seems to be a means of attracting females, instead of a rejection of masculinity. Their ladies seem to like them more.

People seem more and more interested, emotionally and psychologically, in a person who outwardly displays aspects of both masculinity and femininity. There is an attractive "mystery," apparently, in not knowing which style is predominant. Since psychologists seem to think that this may represent a need in all human beings to fully express themselves. Every human, male and female, has both male and female components in their make-up. It could be that the suppression of either trait is frustrating.

In any case, it is clear that the unisex style is a big, big industry. Public relations firms are taking advantage of the mystique of homosexuality. Interestingly, many colleges that are said to men (and which have macho names) are made up of precisely the same ingredients that go into women's perfume. Only the names on the labels are different.

BILLBOARD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

WAYNE—The Summer Jazz Ensemble of William Paterson College will perform a free outdoor concert and another on Wednesday, August 5. For more information call 201-595-2315.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

NEWARK—The Union members of District No. 6 are holding their First Annual Dinner/Dance on July 24 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The affair will be located at Hilton Gateway. For more information call 201-485-6610.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

NEWARK—The Newark Museum's Summer Garden Jazz Series presents the Chris White Quartet at 12:30 p.m. at the Drury's Memorial Garden. For more information call 201-596-8890.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents a Family Theatre presentation: "The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe" by Creative Theatre at 3:30 p.m. at the Drury's Memorial Garden. For more information call 201-596-6550.

NEWARK

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Rainy weather failed to dampen the holiday spirits of the above happy quintet during the lavish Fourth of July barbecue hosted under two tents at his Martha's Vineyard (Massachusetts) home by Linden businessman Robert Crews. Pictured (l-r) are: Jersey City attorney William O. Perkins; educator Julian K. Robinson, also of Jersey City; Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson; Jersey City (and South Orange) dentist Steve Freeman; and host Robert Crews.

Al Bundy appointed to Woodrow Wilson Board

TRENTON—The Woodrow Wilson Society recently announced the appointment of Al Bundy to its founding Board of Directors. The Society is a new citizens organization committed to excellence in state government. It is intended to bring New Jersey's many citizen groups into a closer working relationship with Governor Florio and his administration.

Bundy is the founder and president of Al Bundy Associates, a consulting, video production, public relations and advertising company based in Newark. His firm recently completed a major project for The

New Jersey Department of Health's AIDS Awareness Campaign. Mr. Bundy also serves as the chairman of cultural programming for the Cable Television Network of New Jersey.

Bundy's primary role within the Woodrow Wilson Society will be organizing a Minority Business Constituency Council. Woodrow Wilson Society Executive Director Judy Zoffinger praised Bundy's enthusiasm. "Al's commitment to community affairs, coupled with his professional skill, makes him the ideal person to fill this position on our Board."

The Woodrow Wilson Society will act as a conduit for personal contacts between various civic and community leaders, and Governor Florio and his staff. The Society will encourage leaders to participate directly by giving the Governor input and advice on his policies and programs, and by encouraging the Governor's outreach to their fellow citizens.

The Society will facilitate these leaders in serving their state and local governments by encouraging their appointment to Boards, Commissions, Authorities, Advisory Councils, etc.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, JULY 21

EAST ORANGE—East Orange Summer in the City presents Little Jimmy Scott 5pm at the East Orange City Hall Plaza Area. The raindate is the East Orange High School Gymnasium. For more information call 201-266-5334.

PLAINFIELD—The Board of Education of Plainfield will hold their business meeting in the PHS Library at 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

NEWARK—The City of Newark's Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs will present the jazz and R&B band "Amber and Company" under the direction of native Newarker Robert Rhoney as part of their ongoing summer series of concerts in the park. The concert will take place at Washington Park from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library will present a film and sing-a-long at 11 a.m. The film to be shown is "Punks of the Lost Ark" and "Risky Business". There will be door prizes awarded after the show. For more information call 908-757-1111.

MILBURN—"Beyond Dining," a free seminar, will explore how people coping with excess weight, compulsive eating and food addiction can change unhealthy eating habits and maintain weight. This seminar will take place on Thursday, July 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Milburn Public Library. For more information call 1-800-624-2268.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Library is holding a contest for children enrolled in the Library's Reading is Oceans of Fun Summer Reading Program. The Library is looking for the most imaginative name for their mascot the Mermaid. This contest will run until July 24, 1992. The winner will be announced on Wednesday, July 29, and this child will be presented with a U.S. Savings Bond at the closing ceremonies of the program, on Friday, August 14. For more information call 201-547-5804.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Library will have a Toddler storytime for children ages 1 to 3 years at 11 a.m. For more information call 908-757-1111.

SUNDAY, JULY 25

GLASSBORO—The National Champion Soccer School will be conducting their semi-annual blood drive at the Jersey City Public Library, 472 Jersey Avenue, Jersey City from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27. Individuals interested in donating blood can contact Mrs. Menza at 201-547-4524.

MONDAY, JULY 26

JERSEY CITY—The North Jersey Blood Center will be conducting their semi-annual blood drive at the Jersey City Public Library, 472 Jersey Avenue, Jersey City from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27. Individuals interested in donating blood can contact Mrs. Menza at 201-547-4524.

PLAINFIELD—The 4th Annual Golf Outing of the Association for Retarded Citizens of Union County will be held on July 27 at the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield. The activity is scheduled to start at 11:30 a.m. with registration and lunch, followed by a 1:00 p.m. tee off for 18 holes of shotgun golf. Prizes for men and women will be awarded. For more information call 908-754-7826.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Library presents an Archeological Seeing Bee at 11 a.m. for children ages 6-14 years. For more information call 908-757-1111.

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Tensions in NY/NJ Minority Purchasing Council mirror deeper social divisions

by L. Michelle Odum

NEW YORK—The Vendor Incentive Council (VIC) of the New York/New Jersey Minority Purchasing Council (NJNYMPC) has been criticized under the leadership of Chairman Bill Iversen. Critics resent over the quality of service provided to minority vendors.

There are 13 standards by which all vendors are measured to ensure efficiency," said Steven Simon, Vice President for Program and Field Operations of the

National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC). "We are working with the local chapter to ensure these standards are being met. Some vendors are reluctant to what the 13 standards are and which ones were not being met by the local chapter."

"We no longer see the local MPC as an extension of the national council," Simon said. "If the difficulties are sustained, we may need the corporations served by the local chapter that will be served by an minority vendor body."

Members of the local board argued through their Vendor Incentive Council, that the local chapter was not providing a sufficient number of opportunities for minority vendors to develop professional relationships with existing clients. They also argued that the local chapter was not providing a sufficient number of opportunities for minority vendors to develop professional relationships with existing clients. They also argued that the local chapter was not providing a sufficient number of opportunities for minority vendors to develop professional relationships with existing clients.

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More than a Pathmark

by L. Michelle Odum

When New Community Corporation (NCC) joined forces with Supermarket Shopping Center Inc. to open a Pathmark supermarket in New Jersey, it was not seen as a major grocery store. It was seen as a store that was not seen as a major grocery store. It was seen as a store that was not seen as a major grocery store.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

We encourage violence by our silence

It is time that our leaders, all leaders, take a stand against violence no matter what form it takes. We must be responsible for improving living conditions that are conducive to everyone. When this does not happen we create more violence by our silence. The Klan may have a constitutional right to march through our neighborhoods but we must have the conviction to protest that deliberate act of violence which they perpetrate.

Having the right to act does not justify the act.

Vigorous protest in this country is essential if we are to protect our society from individual rights of others. Protest in some instances helps to create the balance of conditions in which we live.

A recent case that should not be taken lightly is the Ice T recordings that strongly suggest killing of police. While we can understand negative sentiment against some police officers, allowing our youth and our airways to be filled with hate lyrics, should be vigorously protested by our community leaders and citizens. Responsible people should let it be known that preaching hate, explicit sex, and vulgarity are unacceptable and they will not buy recordings or listen to stations that continue to play destructive music. These actions don't impact on the producers' rights to make such recordings; it simply shows them the reality of doing so. This is the American public's true form of checks and balances.

In the black community, it is critical that black leaders, parents, students, teachers, every group speak out against those elements that continue to bring the black community down. We must begin to protest negative music whether it's violence, sex, or drugs that fills teenage music.

Unlike popular rhetoric of today's talk shows and advice columns, we have the responsibility to protect our communities from the negative influences that bombard our lives on a daily basis. Finally, we must protest them no matter what form or color they take.



Connie Woodruff

If you're a bona fide political junkie your quadrennial super fix is the Democratic National Convention that makes sharing four days with like-minded folks an exhilarating experience.

New Jersey officials (delegates and hangers-on) were hardly hushed in the lap of luxury at the Drake Hotel on Park Avenue, but who cared? The parties were never-ending access to political big shots and elected officials was easy and autograph seekers had a field day.

Since it was a foregone conclusion Bill Clinton and Al Gore would be officially designated as the Democrat's choices for president and vice president, delegates only had convention "stars" to look forward to before the nominees made their traditional "acceptance speeches."

But no matter. There was plenty of time for other things and it is to the credit of DNC chairman Ron Brown and the host city New York that he put on a lively shindig with some of the bright of the political, Broadway and Hollywood stars. There was unbridled excitement among folks attending their first party convention. They enjoyed mingling with delegates from other states and found out folks north, south, east and west of New Jersey are just as added to crazy campaign hats and collectible campaign buttons as we are and that Mayor David Dinkins had really polished the Big Apple for this major event.

However, putting the glitz and hoopla aside, there was a serious underpinning for this convention. Among delegates who were not there to shop, party or make contacts was the desire to find new ways to deal with old issues:

Unemployment, health care,

inclusion of minorities in decision making positions in the Democratic hierarchy, the party's attitude toward racism, an urban agenda and how Clinton and Gore propose to address these issues.

I've been attending national conventions since the 1960's. Sometimes as a delegate and other times as an observer. I have never been to a convention as calm and orchestrated as this one.

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stressed the necessity for party unity. Every speaker thereafter followed his lead and that included Jesse Jackson and ten eventmaster Democrat Jerry Brown of California.

Minorities and women were placed by the exposure they received during regular convention businesses and on prime time television. Among the black women speakers who were as good as you can get were Washington, D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon, Carol Mosely Brune, candidate for the U.S. Senate from Chicago and California's favorite daughter, Congresswoman Maxine Waters.

Senator Wyoming Lipton and Essex County Register Larrie West Stalks managed an interview with CNN reporters. Incidentally, Lipton with the assist of Newark Teachers Union officials, Carol Graves and Clara Dasher, worked hard keeping tabs on the New Jersey delegation along with Alice Consey, vice chairwoman of the state Democratic Committee.

Compared with many other states, however, minorities still have

a long way to go to penetrate the outer echelons of the Democratic Party. Most of our black elected officials are elected in districts and precincts heavily populated by black voters.

We continue to have a problem convincing whites we're as competent at representing them as anybody else. Maybe one of our first breakthroughs will be the election of Alice Consey to the Gloucester County Board of Freeholders.

Meantime, while Clinton and

opened in the next few weeks. Other active participants included Brenda Bacon, Assemblyman Wayne Bryant, East Orange mayor Carol Cooper and Kathy Willis of BCC, who may or may not continue in her primary election role as a campaign state coordinator.

For the moment, there is not a shortage of support for the Clinton-Gore ticket in New Jersey despite the rather moderate Democratic platform on which they will run.

Right now all signs point to a rigorous registration drive and the need to improve the mathematical equation for a Democratic victory, something the party has not enjoyed in recent presidential elections.

Despite the current euphoria there is a feeling 1992 will be a brutal election year. George Bush has already declared he's willing to do whatever it takes to win this one and that is one promise that should not be taken lightly.

Voters already know New Jersey's reputation for being a "swing state" despite the overwhelming numbers of special interest groups like minorities, women and labor allegiances wedded to the Democratic Party.

Those who will head the Clinton-Gore campaign need to remember that in spite of polls that showed he was ahead of his opponent, on his first try, Democrat Jim Florio narrowly lost to Republican candidate for governor, Tom Kean and who can forget how close Christine Todd Whitman came to beating New Jersey's most popular politician, U.S. Senator Bill Bradley?

These are warning signs that must be heeded by State Senator Ray Lesniak in his role as chairman of the Democratic State Committee.

Letters...

A second chance for Jersey City

Dear Editor,

Very seldom, if ever, according to the old saying, does opportunity knock more than once. That's why I truly hope that by next November most Jersey City voters will realize what a unique second chance they will have then to support Glenn Cunningham, the Mayor they should have elected three years ago.

In the municipal run-off election of June 1989, Cunningham missed being elected Mayor of Jersey City by the relatively narrow margin of 6,000 votes. In November 1992, our citizens will be afforded a rare second opportunity to correct their 1989 mistake. Glenn Cunningham will again be on the ballot, and as in 1989, he will again be the most qualified candidate to be Jersey City's next Mayor.

Not one of his opponents will

able to point to a history comparable to his. Only Cunningham can claim a record of outstanding public service as a dedicated police officer for twenty years and of equally distinguishable service for three terms in important elective offices...freeholder and councilman, including four years as council president. In my view, not one will come close in terms of the depth and breadth of experience needed to effectively manage the second largest city in the state.

Here's hoping our voters, for their own sake, seize this golden opportunity to give our town the kind of honest and effective leadership it so desperately needs and deserves.

Signed

Julian K. Robinson

Quote of the Week

"We have come a long way from where we started. A generation ago it seemed in 1964, Fanny Lou Hamer of Sunflower County, Mississippi, had to fight even to sit in this convention. Tonight, 28 years later, the chair of the party is Ron Brown from Harlem; the manager is Alexis Herman, an African American woman from Mobile, Alabama. We have come a long way."

And yet we are more interdependent than we realize. Not only African Americans benefited from the movement led by Dr. King for justice. It was only when African Americans were free to win those seats could Bill Clinton and Al Gore from the same South take this rostrum to lead our country."

Reverend Jesse Jackson

July 14, 1992

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The white controlled mainstream media outlets were united in their efforts to try to discredit, destroy and defame another African American leader last week during the Democratic Convention. Jesse Jackson was the target, and we had a barrage of so-called analysts and commentators telling us—the African American community—that he was "finished, washed up and without a constituency." Whether we were watching the proceedings on television, listening on the radio, or reading about the events, the attacks were relentless and mean spirited.

Of course, historically, those in power have always attempted to define our struggle on their terms, and decide for us, who we should embrace as our spokespersons for our causes and issues. Far too many people have fallen prey to these efforts, and have failed to see how they were being used to eliminate those brothers and sisters who dared to speak against the status quo. Many have fallen into the trap, and have allowed themselves to be used by those in power to attack one of our most outstanding leaders.

Should Jesse be criticized for some of his actions, behaviors, strategies etc.? Certainly, he should. He is not above receiving criticism nor should he be. But, I believe that we should not allow right-wing racist journalists, or politicians who seek to maintain a slave master relationship with our community, any legitimacy in their biased and subjective attacks on Jesse Jackson. There's a big difference in the motivation of an Andy Cooper, publisher of the African American newspaper The City Sun, criticizing

of Jesse Jackson, and the criticism leveled by the likes of Bob Grant, George Will, John McLaughlin and other media ultra conservatives. We must remember this reality:

It's absolutely outrageous to hear some of these white men and women who have never stepped foot

Jesse bashing—truly a "white" wash

In the African American community, tell us how we feel or how we should feel about Jesse Jackson, human rights, empowerment, etc. They don't care how we feel! Their intent is to divide and conquer—and to limit our ability to exercise independent thoughts and actions. The gleam in their eyes, the venom in their voices, and the lies that escape their lips, all are sure signs of ongoing efforts to disrupt our organizations, groups and movements. While it's business as usual, as far as tactics go, a lot of people fell for it.

Most notably, some African American politicians like John Lewis of California, were perfect set-ups for the frenzied white media. He allowed, along with some others, his personal ego, and disagreements with Jesse Jackson to cloud his judgment. He apparently is upset that Jesse gets all the media attention and credit for registering and mobilizing large numbers of African American voters. He's articulating the concerns of our community. They also have many differences over various political issues. This personal jealousy and animosity got the best of him during the convention, and he was seen all over the place, "Jesse bashing." Lewis should have realized that the anchors weren't interested in him, as a legitimate political leader or spokesman. All they wanted was a black man to beat up on another black man.

Whether his beef with Jesse is legit or not, who's to say? I do believe that John Lewis and other African American members of the Congressional Black Caucus, who feel that Jesse Jackson casts a shadow on their "star," should not allow themselves to be used to pit the African American community against Jesse to satisfy the desires of our enemies. They shouldn't worry about the media spin on how our community gets organized, but instead, concentrate on the business of organizing.

As opposed to worrying about how many talk shows they could appear on, more time should have been spent by members of the Black

Caucus, meeting together, to come out with a united front, and fighting for the inclusion of those issues and concerns in the Democratic platform. While many of our concerns are the same as the general electorate, we, as an oppressed nationality, have particular problems and issues which our leaders should feel responsible for bringing forth and fighting for. Unfortunately, some of our African American elected officials have forgotten their responsibility and important role as spokespersons for the African American community.

Therefore, the role of a Jesse Jackson takes on more importance than possibly necessary. The people, frustrated for real change and individuals who will represent and speak for them, gravitate towards any individual(s) who seem to do this for them. With the possible exceptions of Congressman Charles Rangel, or Ron Dellums

given the time and platform that Jesse was given) would be willing to go to speak out about the appalling treatment of the Haitian refugees by an apathetic American public. It was Jesse who used the spotlight to remind the Democratic Party and nation that they must not abandon our children, the poor and the disenfranchised. Or to call for a reinstatement of economic sanctions against South Africa.

Until those individuals who want to be part of the "center" let their voices be heard, about these and other issues of vital interest and concern to the African American community, they need to step back, and allow the necessary agitation to take place. Jesse shouldn't be the only one to step up to the plate. There's a need for a whole team. But, until the team is ready to play, some hard ball, they should stuff the ball in their mouths!

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YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Rosiland wins a ride



NEWARK—Rosiland Washington, left, a senior at University High School is congratulated by Trauma Surgeon Dr. Bartholomew Tostella of UMDNJ-University Hospital for winning free limousine service for the night of her senior prom. Ms. Washington was the winner in "Operation Safe-Prom", a contest designed to promote a drug-free, alcohol-free prom night among high school students in Newark. Students who pledged not to drink or use drugs on prom night were entered into a drawing for free limousine service for the evening. The event was sponsored by the New Jersey Trauma Center at UMDNJ-University Hospital in Newark. Ms. Washington will attend Upstate College in East Orange.

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Teen art work to tour county

ELIZABETH — The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Parks and Recreation, announces that the Clark library will host the Union County Teen Arts Touring Exhibit. The Show will remain at the Clark library, 303 Westfield Avenue, for the month of July.

The exhibit consists of eighteen pieces of art selected from the 430 works shown at the Union County

Teen Arts Festival held in March. Two of the student artists are from Clark schools, Dan House from A. L. Johnson Regional High School and Michele Geluso from Beadleston High School.

Linda-Lee Kelly, Vice Chair of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

Newark to receive extra \$2.8 million for summer jobs program

NEWARK — Some 4,000 Newark youngsters will take part in the City's summer jobs program thanks to a \$1 billion Urban Aid bill recently passed by the Congress and signed by the President, according to Mayor Sharpe James.

Through the enactment of the urban aid bill, Newark will receive an additional \$2.8 million in Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Title IIB funding from the Department of Labor, James said. The Mayor credited U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, for ensuring that the employment money for Newark was incorporated into the legislation.

"Sen. Lautenberg is to be commended for being a voice for the City of Newark in Washington," Mayor James said. "The Senator spearheaded the legislation to assist Newark and other urban communi-

ties across the country. We are grateful for his efforts to bring more dollars to help the children of Newark."

Daniel Akwei, acting director of Mayor's Office of Employment and Training (MOET), the agency that supervises SYETP, added, "The City will put the extra dollars to good use providing more city youngsters with an opportunity to learn valuable skills, while earning their own money."

Prior to the extra JTPA allotments, the SYETP office was to receive \$3,072,169. Akwei said. The total funding for the SYETP program is now \$5,917,007, he noted.

Robert A. Giandagnino, assistant director of the New Jersey Department of Labor, notified the City of the extra federal dollars.

For more information, please contact the SYETP office, 32 Central Avenue (824-4355).

Plainfield schools quiz off in academic contest

PLAINFIELD—The second annual Interdisciplinary Quiz Bowl pitted Washington Elementary School Auditorium. This competition was held under the auspices of Chapter 51, The Retired Educators Association, in conjunction with the Plainfield Board of Education. Ms. Rhonda Wise was the Moderator. Ms. Wise has been on National TV with the "3-2-1 Contest" which aired on Public Broadcasting Corp (PBS) and locally with "Plainfield Speaks" on Channel 20, Storck Cable Communications.

The competition consisted of three categories: Math, African-American History and Current Events taken from the Weekly Reader. Mrs. Brenda Goddard, Clinton School; Scorekeepers: Mrs. Sandra Kyle, Washington School and Mrs. Carrie Nichols, Clinton

School. Judging the event were Mrs. Ellen Hewson, Washington School and Mr. Harold Brown, Board of Education.

The competition was spirited and ended in a tie. Washington Elementary School won by answering the "Toss Up" question correctly.

Mrs. Ruth Wise, Principal of Washington Elementary School and Mrs. Gloria Williams, Principal of Clinton Elementary School were in attendance. The Third Annual Interdisciplinary Quiz Bowl will be a district wide competition encompassing all of the Elementary Schools.

This event was video-taped, for future viewing, by Mr. Donald Wormley, Storck Cable Communications, and Mrs. Sandra Fragner, for the School District.

Research Experience Begins for high school students

NEWARK—Summer is here and again one of the most promising high school students from the Greater Newark Metropolitan area are exploring the world of biomedical research. For the twelfth consecutive year, the New Jersey Medical School of UMDNJ is running a summer research apprentice program for high school seniors. The aim is to encourage and foster underrepresented minorities to enter health related professions as researchers.

The Minority High School Student Science Research Apprenticeship Program is made possible by funds from both the National Institutes of Health and the American Chemical Society. Twenty-seven talented seniors from eighteen different high schools were selected from a large pool of applicants interested in pursuing careers in the sciences. Each of the apprentices is now working in the laboratory of a New Jersey Medical School faculty research scientist. For the rest of the summer, the apprentices will be active members

of research teams, using some of the world's most modern scientific equipment and techniques.

This year's student apprentices include:

Marco Alcalá, Jr. (Jersey City)
Jean L. Belamour (Jersey City)
Andrea Bryant (Newark)
Mickala Copeman (East Orange)
Atyala Deane (Newark)
Liz Delaney (Jersey City)
Sidney Espana (Newark)
Dawn Ford (Orange)
Brian Forbes (Newark)
Anita Garcia (Elizabeth)
Donna Grannum (East Orange)
Courtney Johnson (Newark)
Danna Malin (Jersey City)
Catherine Martinez (Newark)
Maggie Mensa (Hillside)
Christina Miller (Orange)
Albin Mondesir (Newark)
Nicole Moore (East Orange)
Ebenezer Nii-Moi (Newark)
Mataasha Noble (East Orange)
Diana Oran (Jersey City)
Robert Reed (East Orange)
Tiffany Richardson (Jersey City)

Rahsida Smith (Newark)
Toshonia Smith (Newark)
Susie Simmons (Newark)
Daniel Vargas, Jr. (Newark)

Additionally, two of last year's apprentices, Steven Haggemiller (Jersey City) and Ivelis Mosquera (Newark) now how school graduates, are participating in the program.

For the second consecutive year, the program also includes high

school teacher apprentices. The teacher apprentices are: Barrington Booth (Central High School, Newark), Christopher Embry (Snyder High School, Jersey City), Denise Jefferson (Snyder High School, Jersey City), and Michael Van Allen, (Central High School Newark), Dr. Ophelia Gons, of the Department of Anatomy at New Jersey Medical School, is director and coordinator of the program which began on the sixth of July.

Safe Biking program in East Orange offers free helmets

EAST ORANGE—The City of East Orange will kick off its SAFE BIKING PROGRAM as part of the statewide 101 Days of Summer campaign on Saturday, July 25, at Oval Park beginning at 9:00 a.m.

East Orange youth 13 years and under are encouraged to attend the kick off which will stress safe biking programs and procedures. The kickoff will include a short video presentation stressing bike riding safety, bike inspection, issuing of certificates for bikes that have passed inspection, bike identification and educational information and a helmet. Only individuals whose bikes pass inspection will receive a helmet.

All youth must show proof of residency in order to be eligible for the program and a helmet. The helmets will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Also as part of the Safe Biking

Program, state officials from the New Jersey Department of Highway Safety will lead a motorcycle through East Orange, stopping in front of East Orange City Hall today at 12 a.m. The Governor and State Attorney General Robert Del Tufo are scheduled to participate in the motorcycle that will stress a safe summer on bikes and in cars. The public is invited to attend the program where a free gift will be distributed to people riding bikes.

Mayor Cooper said, "We have developed an extensive program to benefit young bikers in the City. Our program goes a step further than other communities in that we have developed an entire public education plan around bike safety and the importance of wearing a helmet."

For more information about the Safe Biking Program contact Knadya May at 266-5138.

Sister Souljah speaks

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mother would read to her every night and told her "never to be afraid to think, it doesn't hurt, it's not painful, and in the long run it will save you a lot of trouble." In school she was sent to the "Special Intelligent and Gifted" class. This class "teaches the Black children that have escaped the butchering of a white curriculum to identify with white superiority so that they would never connect with the rest of the African students 'who were not like them.'"

Eventually, her family moved to Englewood, New Jersey. She went on to talk about her accomplishments, too numerous to mention, that have seen her go around the world working and speaking on behalf of African American youth.

Souljah concluded her speech by demanding Black leaders to be bold and not bought out by white supremacy. She encouraged the assembly to embrace their African heritage, to realize that they are the

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Shakira Williams Wins Leadership Award



Shakira Williams of Plainfield (left) receives the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award from the Black Student Association and the Educational Opportunity Fund Student Leadership Award. Presenting the award was Dawn Stokes, president of SABLE.

Wiliams, a WPC Senior majoring in community health, also received the Academic Achievement Award from the Black Student Association and the Educational Opportunity Fund Student Leadership Award. Presenting the award was Dawn Stokes, president of SABLE.

Kids Olympics

NEW BRUNSWICK—The INROADS/Central New Jersey, a non-profit organization, is sponsoring its "Third Annual Kids Olympics." This event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 25, 1992 in Baccelluch Park in New Brunswick, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

INROADS/Central New Jersey's Intern Student Organization, (ISO), strives to maintain a positive image of corporate and academic excellence in the community. Their role is to provide the children, ages six to thirteen, transportation and supervision on the day of this event. Each child will be paired with an INROADS intern.

The intern will function as a mentor, friend, teammate, and positive role model. Throughout the day activities and competitive events will provide the child with a fun and educational experience. Also, the

intern will have an opportunity to share experiences and knowledge, as well as assist the child in understanding his or her personal goals and accomplishments. The "Kids Olympics" promises to be a successful and exciting event. The interns are enthusiastic and hope to sponsor similar community events every summer.

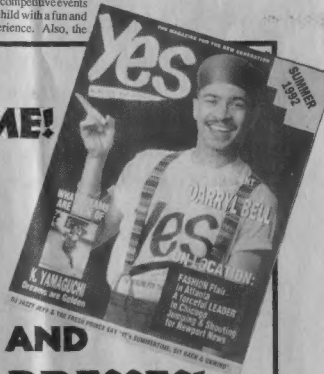
The children will be recruited from: Puerto Rican Action Board; New Brunswick Department of Recreation; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church; New Brunswick Housing Authority; and New Brunswick Youth Services Systems. For additional information call 908-249-1144.

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SATURDAY, JULY 31

BEDMINSTER — The Fifth Friday Frats Club will hold its third meeting of 1992 on July 31 at 12 noon at the Pizzeria's Elbow County Club in Bedminster, NJ. The featured speaker is Mr. Philip Beacham, Executive VP of N.J. Alliance for Action. He is also the Executive VP for its subsidiary group - Public/Private Partnership Council. Could privatization be an answer to high taxes and tight budgets? Don't miss this outstanding speaker on the Privatization movement in New Jersey. There is a nominal fee for lunch. For more information call 908-231-7040.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

BRIDGE WATER — The Somerset Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring "Keys to a Successful Lease Negotiation" at 9:30 a.m. at Jack O'Connors Restaurant, Rt. 22, Bridgewater. For more information call 908-752-1552.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

SOMERVILLE — The Somerset Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring "Health Care Costs" from 7:30-9 a.m. to be held at the Chamber of Commerce, 64 West End Ave., Somerville. For more information call 908-752-1552.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

SOMERSET — The 9th annual New Jersey Environmental Exposition for Business and Industry will be held October 19-21 at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, New Jersey. The show will feature regulatory, industry experts and seminar workshops on relevant issues. For more information call 201-379-1100.

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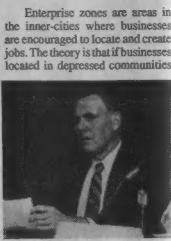
Business Exchange...

Urban Aid and us

by William Reed

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NPPA)— "It was nice seeing you, and we will see you later unless we see you first." That's what government officials seem to be saying to blacks and other minorities now that the House has passed its urban aid package. "A woefully inadequate solution to the problem," was the comment of the chairman of New England's only black-owned commercial bank of the House of Representatives' long-term urban aid package. The legislation was pushed by President Bush and includes provisions for the creation of enterprise zones in some of the nation's cities. Government officials aren't too anxious to be seen by us in the cities anytime soon because the legislation is not likely to help inner-city residents or make much of an impact on urban problems. "While the enterprise zones concept may offer helpful incentives, it is largely a symbolic means that says, 'We'll create a beachhead for you and wait and see who shows up to play the game,'" Ronald A. Homer, Chairman of the Boston Bank of Commerce told the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

The House's urban aid and tax package provides \$2.5 billion in tax incentives to businesses operating within 50 proposed enterprise zones, and \$2.5 billion in "seed and seed" spending on anti-crime measures, job training and social services in the enterprise zones. Boston's Mayor Raymond Flynn suggested that Congress send this "meaningless package of eight enterprise zones and some spare change" to Russian President Boris Yeltsin and give the cities the \$24 billion in aid that Yeltsin will get from Bush and Congress. "I'm sure that President Yeltsin would treat the offer Congress is making to us as an insult if it were offered to him. And the people of America's cities can do no less," Flynn wrote to House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt.



Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn suggests that Congress send their Enterprise Zone package to Russia in a letter to House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt.

and create jobs they will have a positive impact on the people located in those communities. The tax breaks are an inducement to get businesses to locate in communities that are considered high-risk areas. The breaks the House legislation uses to lure businesses to depressed areas include: a 50 percent exclusion from capital gains tax for profits from property in the zones held for five years; a 15 percent wage credit for employers of residents who work in the zone, up to \$3,000 per employee; a maximum \$200,000 first-year deduction for equipment newly purchased by a zone business; and a deduction of up to \$20,000 per year for the purchase of certain stock in zone businesses. Congress and the White House will be ducking urban America because all reasonable estimates say that it will take ten times \$5 billion to start cities on their way to recovery and rebuilding. The jobs and income that inner-cities desperately need will not come from the House's current package.

"What's missing is an overall game plan aimed toward building a new economic infrastructure within our cities," said Homer. "Minority investment is the real key to urban growth," states JoAnn Price. "The

possibility of increased tax revenues and thousands of new jobs for urban residents could be realized if minority enterprises had access to sizable capital sources." Price who is the President of the National Association of Investment Companies, has said to Congress. Bob Johnson, President of Black Entertainment Television Holdings Inc., supported Price's premise when he told the Senate that minority-owned businesses are the ones most likely to

help revitalize urban areas and actually use programs such as enterprise zones. "Unfortunately they are the ones least likely to receive credit from lenders," Johnson told the lawmakers.

The Congress and White House should let us see them doing something more than assisting traditional programs. Passing legislation for NAIC's Minority Business Development Act of 1992 (H.R. 4221) will attract more private capital and

secure more funds for investment in minority business enterprises and should be addressed by them. Carlton Jenkins, the Managing Director of Founders National Bank of Los Angeles, the only black-owned commercial bank in California told Congress, "If we want enterprise opportunity to increase and endure in inner-city minority communities, we need more and larger financial institutions whose growth and future is tied to those communities."

Business in the Black...

Focus on the positive

The good news is that we're at the bottom, the bad news is that we're at the bottom

by Charles E. Belle

An optimist goes to the window every morning and says, "Good morning God." The pessimist goes to the window and says, "Good God, morning!" Look at the U.S. economy and/or global economy in the same light. All economic signs point to a global liquidity shortage. Simply not enough money to go around. A look at the unemployment figures will knock the knees off any knowledgeable soul. Since African Americans are even more harshly hit here at home, it will not help to look beyond the national unemployment rate to find things blacker. The last third, first fired formula for African Americans is still in tact in this 216-year-old nation. No one knows this better than an African American male. He must be somewhat pessimistic. Especially since he has always come forward first to give his life for his country.

Crispus Attucks took the first bullet and died to deliver freedom for this country. An individual of

African heritage who held up hope for a better day at the birth of the American Revolution on March 5, 1770. Buried in an integrated cemetery with a memorial statue on Boston Common, he called for and believed in a better day. In spite of Congressional laws passed in 1792 to restrict service in the military to "each and every able-bodied white citizen of the respective states," African Americans have served their country in every U.S. conflict. A CRISIS magazine editorial by W.E.B. DuBois clarified the choice for combat or passiveness with "First your country, then your rights," in World War I. Always keeping hope alive that in the end all will be alright. Well things are certainly not alright. In fact, they are very bad at the moment for African American males. Much must be done to deliver them into the 21st century.

Comprehensive services in "full-service" bootcamps are needed in this country. Young minority juvenile offenders need remedial education, job training and counseling.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS for HOUSING AUTHORITY CITY OF SALEM

Housing Authority City of Salem, 205 Seventh Street, Salem, New Jersey 08070, is receiving bids for Vacant Apartment Renovations at the West Side Court, N.J. 96-1.

Housing Authority City of Salem, State of New Jersey. The Awarding Authority (hereafter referred to as "Owner") will receive sealed bids for this work located at Front and Thompson Streets in accordance with Contract Documents prepared together with such addenda as may be issued prior to the date of receipt of bids.

Generally, the work shall include: Miscellaneous interior renovations and upgrades.

Bids will be received by the Owner on Friday, July 31, 1992 at 11:30 a.m., prevailing time at the office of Ruth O. Gross, Executive Director of Housing Authority City of Salem, located at 205 Seventh Street, Salem, New Jersey 08070.

Sealed proposals for a single, over-all contract for General Construction, covering all trades, will be received for all labor and materials to complete the project.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid or bids, to reject any and all bids, and to accept such bid or bids and to make such awards as may be in the interest of the Owner.

Bid proposals must be submitted as directed by the Specifications, in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Owner. Envelopes shall, on the exterior, be designed as to the contract for which the proposal is entered, and the name and address of the bidder.

Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond issued by a New Jersey Licensed Surety Company which is listed in U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570, or by certified check in the amount called for in the specifications, made out to Housing Authority City of Salem. Proposals must also be accompanied by the affidavits, etc., referred to in the Instructions to Bidders in the Specifications. Regardless of whether the Bid Bond or certified check is submitted for proposal guarantee, each bidder shall submit a consent of surety also from a N.J. licensed surety company listed in U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570, stating that it will issue the necessary performance and maintenance bonds should the bidder enter into contract for this work with the Housing Authority.

The Drawings, Specifications, Form of Proposal, Contract Forms, and any Addenda and Modifications describing the Work will be on file and may be examined at the office of the Owner on or after Wednesday, July 8, 1992. Complete Construction Documents may also be obtained at the office of the Owner for a non-refundable deposit of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per set. Documents can be mailed at the Bidders request for an additional charge of Fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

The site will generally be available for inspection from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, with the Owner, telephone: (609) 935-5022. When calling please ask for Anthony Gross.

Prospective bidders are hereby informed that not less than the minimum prevailing wage rates as required by HUD shall be paid on this project. The Bidder must submit with his Bid a notarized affidavit listing all persons owning ten percent (10%) or more of the stock in the corporation submitting the Bid, complete with addresses.

The successful Bidder will be required to obtain a Performance Bond for the full amount of the Contract, and a Maintenance Bond for a percentage of the construction cost as defined in the specifications, both from a New Jersey Licensed Surety Company listed in U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570.

This project is being executed with funds provided by the U.S. Government through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

7-22-92 RUTH O. GROSS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTRESS

INVITATION TO BID MODERNIZATION PROGRAM 39-912 WEST END GARDENS APARTMENTS (39-1) PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

The Housing Authority of Plainfield will receive a single overall bid for: MODERNIZATION PROGRAM 39-912, WEST END GARDENS (39-1) PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY which consist of the following:

- Kitchen Improvement.
- Bathroom Renovations
- Landscaping
- Kitchen Renovations.
- Iron Fencing
- Painting
- Parking Lot Paving
- Domestic hot water tank replacement.
- Electrical Meter Banks Enclosures
- Fire protection system upgrade
- New front doors/screen doors
- Installation of heating and air maintenance garage.
- Snow storage installation, new control valves.

Until 2:00 p.m. prevailing time on the 18th day of August, 1992 at the Office of the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, and the Office of E. Harvey Myers, Architect-Planners, 601 Ewing St., Bldg. C - Suite 11, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing \$55.00 with the Housing Authority of Plainfield for each set of drawings and specifications so obtained. Such deposit will not be refunded.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Housing Authority of Plainfield, U.S. Government Bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable sureties in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the bid shall be submitted with the bid.

The following forms supplied with the specifications shall be submitted with each bid:

- Proposal Form
- Bid Bond or Security Affidavit
- Consent of Surety
- Previous Participation Certificate

Attention is called to the Davis Bacon Wage Rate and Affirmative Action regulations for construction contractors set forth in the specifications. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, C127 (40 C.F.R. 1-7.27).

The Housing Authority of Plainfield reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent the opening of bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of Plainfield.

An on-site inspection for interested pre-bidders will be held on July 31 at 10 a.m. Prospective bidders should meet at the new maintenance garage of Building "C" on West Fourth Street side of the complex.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY
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Each contractor before submitting a bid must first have been prequalified, in accordance with NJ State Statutes—Chapter #105 of Public Law, 1962—by the Division of Building and Construction, Department of the Treasury, and a notarized affidavit to this effect must accompany this bid.

All bids shall be submitted on the "Form of Bid" forms furnished by the Engineer. Bids must be delivered in person at the hour and date names above, or better. No bids will be accepted after the appointed hour. Bids shall be directed to the attention of Ms. Debra Vicens, Morris County Housing Authority, 95 Ketch Road, Morristown, New Jersey.

Each bid shall be enclosed in a separate sealed envelope marked on the outside with the title of the Bid and its date and time of receipt. The name and address of the Bidder shall also appear on the envelope. No bids will be received by mail, facsimile transmission or overnight delivery service.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of 10% of the Bid, made payable to the Morris County Housing Authority, from a Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey, and each bid shall be accompanied also by a further Certificate from such Surety Company certifying that in the event the Bidder is awarded the contract, the Bidder shall be bound to execute and deliver a Contract and Bond upon the terms and conditions mentioned in the Specifications, and such additional terms which may be required by the Owner, the Surety Company will pay to the Owner on demand, without proof of such omission or default, any difference between the sum which the said Bidder would be entitled to receive on completion of the Contract in accordance with his bid, and the sum which the Owner may be obliged to pay the Bidder by whom such Contract is executed.

The successful Bidder will also be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond to the Owner in the full amount of the Contract in such form as the Owner may prescribe and with the Sureties as he may approve. Consent to the surety must be submitted with the bid or within 5 days of bid receipt.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of the following New Jersey Statutes:

- P.L. 1975, Chapter 127-Affirmative Action
- P.L. 1977, Chapter 30-Statement of Corporate Ownership
- P.L. 1963, Chapter 129-Prevailing Wages

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Each bidder who is a foreign corporation or one that is a Corporation not chartered under the laws of the State of New Jersey must submit with his bid an affidavit duly executed by the President or the Corporation, stating in said affidavit that said corporation has, in accordance with laws of the State of New Jersey, obtained a certificate authorizing it to do business in the State of New Jersey.

All items must be in strict accordance with the Specifications and will be subjected to the approval of the Executive Director, Morris County Housing Authority. Should any dispute arise respecting the true instructions and meaning of the Specifications, same shall be decided by the above person as the accredited representative of the Authority. Its decision shall be final and conclusive. Bidder must be known to be engaged in the business and well qualified to carry out his contract, and satisfactory testimonials to that effect must be furnished if required.

The Owner expressly reserves the unrestricted right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, accept and enter into contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the project, or combined projects, or to waive any informality in the bids and accompany documents received, should it be deemed in the best interests of the Owner.

7-22-92 ROBERT STRATER
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MORRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

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- 7-22-92 KENNETH E. NIXON, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL SERVICES

The Housing Authority of the township of Woodbridge is seeking proposals from attorneys or law firms to serve as the township's General Legal Counsel for the period commencing October 1, 1992 and terminating September 30, 1993. Proposals will be ranked using qualification factors with the corresponding relative weights.

Attorneys submitting proposals to the RFP, must be licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey and must not be under sanction from HUD.

Parties interested in submitting a proposal in response to the RFP should contact Ms. Madeline Cook at (609) 774-2850, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 p.m. weekdays and request a detailed RFP, which will more fully state the requirements of the proposal. Proposal must be received at the office of the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge, 10 Sunna Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095 by 11 a.m. August 21, 1992 in order to be considered.

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Fruit of The Earth Gel Aloe Vera 8 oz. can \$5⁹⁹	Basis Intensive Oil Hydrating 8 oz. can \$7⁷⁹	Basis Recovery Creme Overnight 1.5 oz. can \$7⁷⁹	Midol Maximum Strength 16 ct. \$3⁷⁹	Midol PM 16 ct. \$4¹⁹	pHisoDerm 5 oz. can \$4²⁹	pHisoDerm Cleansing Bar 3.5 oz. \$2⁶⁹	STRI-DEX Maximum Strength box of 50 pads \$5⁸⁹	Johnson's Baby Oil Creamy 8 oz. can \$3⁴⁹
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